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Emergency assistance to Bangladesh in the wake of the devastating cyclone

The General Assembly,

Aware of the grave devastation and substantial loss of life and property caused by the cyclone that struck large areas of Bangladesh on 29 April 1991,

Concerned about the serious damage to infrastructure caused by this unprecedented natural disaster, which has a far-reaching impact on the implementation of the national development plan in that country,

Considering that Bangladesh is one of the least developed countries, and that its situation has been worsened by the frequent recurrence of natural disasters having devastating consequences,

Aware that the coastal areas of Bangladesh are particularly vulnerable to natural calamity resulting in widespread human and material loss,

Recognizing the relief and rehabilitation efforts of the Government of Bangladesh to alleviate the sufferings of disaster victims,

Recognizing also that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude, the solution of which calls for substantial resources, requiring national efforts to be supplemented by international financial and technical assistance,

1. Appeals to the international community to support and assist Bangladesh in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts following the natural disaster;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to extend all possible assistance to Bangladesh to cope with the formidable challenge posed by the cyclone, particularly through the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator and other operational agencies of the United Nations system in Bangladesh;

3. Appeals to all Member States, specialized agencies and other organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as international economic and financial institutions, to respond urgently and generously to assist Bangladesh in its plans and programmes to mitigate the consequences of the cyclone and tidal waves;

4. Requests the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to take appropriate measures to provide assistance to Bangladesh that would reinforce Bangladesh's own national endeavours at this critical hour.